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Personally appeared before me, this March 1, 1906, E. J. Paxton, general manager of The Sun, who affirms that the above statement of the circulation of The Sun for the month of February, 1906, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.
 PETER PURYEAR, Notary Public.
 My commission expires January 22, 1908.

Daily Thought.

"Crankiness is always talkative."

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP IN AMERICAN CITIES.

The frequent object, and the usual result, of municipal ownership in American cities, may be gleaned from the following from the Louisville Post of Wednesday in connection with the Louisville waterworks: "For ten years Louisville has been waiting and waiting in vain for filtered water."

"For ten years the water company, paying no respect to the sinking fund or to the city, has been conducted exactly as Charles R. Long, Will Haldeman's political partner and asphalt partner, has decreed."

"The revenues of the company are said to exceed \$500,000. No one knows definitely."

"The actual operation of the works, as waterworks, is said to call for \$100,000 annually. No one knows definitely."

"The water company has been an annex to the machine—which is the Democratic party."

"When the city charter was adopted an effort was made to provide a license system which, with the revenues from the water company, would carry and extinguish the city debt, without an ad valorem tax for the sinking fund."

"After conference with the president of the water company, the mayor informed the charter commission, that after 1892 the city would get a 4 per cent tax—\$50,000—to be increased in a short time to \$100,000."

"That was 12 years ago, and the city has received nothing."

"The water company has been the refuge of men who, in the hurry-burly of politics, lose their places in the city government."

"Even firemen discharged after the Masonic Temple fire found refuge in the employ of the water company."

"An entirely useless service was established to eat up the surplus revenue of the water company; a fire service. There are wagons and horses and stables and drivers and assistants, all looking as if they were a part of the fire department. When the alarm sounds the 'department,' with a great noise and bustle and soundings of gongs and hurrying of horses, rushes to the fire to do what any man on any engine, hose carriage or hook and ladder, could do better without these supernumeraries: turn the water on or off, or protect the cisterns from the fire."

"But when primaries and elections come around this water-fire contingent is a very fine army of intimidation."

"The subject of present importance is the incomplete water filtration plant, costing no one knows how much, built by no one knows what contractors, to be finished no one knows when."

"The public generally does not hold the engineer, Mr. Herman, responsible for this delay or this failure. He is an engineer of recognized ability, but he is hampered by politics."

ties is hell, above all other kinds of politics.

"All sorts of rumors are abroad concerning the financial condition of the water company. No adequate, thorough, exhaustive, instructive examination of the company has ever been made."

"Such an inspection has been demanded yearly by the Evening Post, and some times asked by the general council, and some times promised by the company, but it has never been forthcoming."

"At one time the political structure tottered, when Mr. Ballard and Mr. Booker Reed and Mr. Mengel seemed about to get on the inside, but the complicated working of the machinery, under which the people elected the general council, the general council elected the sinking fund, the sinking fund elected the water company directors, would not work, and the threatened danger passed."

"It is said the filter, which was to cost \$500,000, has cost \$1,100,000 already, and will cost \$1,500,000 before it is finished. But no one knows."

"It is said the company has a floating debt of \$600,000. But no one knows."

What is true of water companies can be, and often is, true of light plants, gas plants, street car companies, and other public utilities. The best results cannot be attained when any kind of a utility is dominated by politics, which it is sure to be sooner or later under municipal ownership.

Read about the Louisville water company, and think twice before falling a victim to the municipal ownership fetish.

Some do not admit that the Louisville water company is a fair example of municipal ownership, inasmuch as while Louisville practically owns the company, it does not control it. Others, however, fully understand the situation, and claim that the Louisville water company is managed as badly as it could be because it is virtually owned by the city, and is controlled by politics. The technical difference between the way Louisville runs her waterworks, however, and actual municipal ownership, is not sufficient to alter or mitigate the close resemblance between the two.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP ABROAD.

The Commercial club of Boston at a recent meeting in the Algonquin club house, listened to an interesting address by E. W. Burdett on the subject: "Municipal Ownership in Great Britain," in which the speaker gave some results of a personal investigation of the question which he made, last summer. The speaker said in part:

"If public ownership of quasi business enterprises were as successful in Great Britain as has ordinarily been claimed by the advocates of municipal ownership in this country, one would expect to find a practical unanimity of public sentiment in its favor where it was being practiced. Far from this being so, I discovered a decided division of public sentiment upon the question, manifested through the press, at public meetings, and otherwise." After referring to the heavy increase in local taxation in British cities and towns in the last ten years, he continued:

"What has actually been accomplished by public ownership in Great Britain in the field of lighting and traction is this: that upon the whole the public plants have succeeded in the case of electric lighting in furnishing a fair article at a fair price, rather less than that charged by the private companies; that in the matter of gas supply the public plants have upon the average beaten the private companies by about 6 cents per thousand cubic feet, and that in electric traction the municipalities have furnished short rides at lower prices than are charged in this country, but long rides at rates far in excess of any known here, while their average fares per mile travelled are considerably in excess of those in this country."

"These differences, however, so far from being surprising, are creditable to the companies, which have operated under conditions far more onerous than those applying to public plants. In the case of electric lighting and street railroading the laws of England have been designed for the purpose of encouraging public and discouraging private enterprises in these fields, and they have been admirably suited to the purpose for which they were intended."

"The enormous increase in the number of the municipal officers and employees is giving alarm to many conservative people. They have formed an association of their own, called the Association of Municipal Employees, and claim a membership of more than 2,000,000. So powerful has this become, and so baneful has its influence been in municipal affairs, that many leading public officials, like the lord provost of Glasgow, assert that in view of the great

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increase in the number of municipal servants the financial interests of the municipalities demand their disfranchisement in local elections.

"The result of the whole matter seems to be this: First, that with laws designed and operating to encourage public and discourage private enterprise in the conduct of public service works, Great Britain has not succeeded in obtaining results which we would care to duplicate in this country; and, second, that if everything be assumed in favor of the results accomplished, they cannot be duplicated in this country, owing to the total difference in political conditions, a difference so great as to be ineradicable, certainly in the present generation."

Electricity Will Cause Universal Blindness.

Chicago, March 9.—Universal blindness is to be humanity's tribute to electricity, is the theory expressed by Dr. H. Preston Pratt, X-ray and therapeutic expert, in the trial of a personal injury suit in Judge Windes' court. The Union Traction company is being sued for \$50,000 damages in behalf of Ruth Postrom, who is declared to be partly blind and paralyzed from an electrical current which passed from the atmosphere through her body April 10, 1902.

Eye specialists have been the first to discover the corroding effects of the electrical currents being generated by millions of dynamos in every corner of the civilized globe, explained the witness. Day or night we are never free from its influence, he said. The eyes, the most delicate portion of the human body, will suffer first. Dr. Pratt cited the increasing prevalence of falling eyesight. Later will come a gradual sensitizing and burning of the hands.

The wavering of the incandescent globe, the sputtering brightness of the arc light, the glaring white of the vacuum tube were specified as the agencies which already have made the Americans a "spectacled and blinking nation." The shock from a telephone battery, the spark of a "jumped" trolley pole, the snap and crackle of the power station dynamo and motor were cited as stronger, but less ever-present, contributors to the same effect.

The Postrom girl was standing at a street corner four years ago, when a wire fell across the trolley wire, its loose end dropping within four feet of her. She was then eleven years old. Almost immediately she became nearly blind, and was paralyzed on her right side, the one nearest the swinging wire. The traction company asserts that the girl's condition could not have resulted from the current carried by the wire unless it came in contact with her.

Death in Christian County.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Mar. 10.—Mrs. Priscilla Cavanah, a sister of Mrs. E. W. Henderson, of this city, died at her home, near this place, aged eighty-five years.

Mrs. Elvira Foster, widow of Ashley Foster, died this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rufus Harrison, near Antioch. She was eighty-three years old, and is survived by five children.

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Death Near Fulton.

Fulton, Ky., Mar. 10.—Mrs. Florence Colley, wife of C. A. Colley, died at her home in the Mt. Moriah neighborhood from tuberculosis.

Besides a husband, she leaves two girls, Venice and Jewel.

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Not Mayfield Murderer.

Yesterday's Louisville papers stated that a mulatto supposed to be Harry Blake, wanted at Mayfield for killing Mattie Boatwright October 5 last, was arrested there. The suspect gave the name of John Bukey and proved to be the wrong man.

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THEFT OF SKIFF CHARGED TO GIRLS

Trio From Smithland Arrested in Paducah Last Night.

They Abandoned Their Boat Because It Leaked and Walked the Rest of the Way to Paducah.

BEING HELD FOR OFFICERS.

Three girls, all in their teens, were arrested last night at 9 o'clock by Detectives Moore and Baker for alleged grand larceny—the theft of a skiff from Dave Council, a river man of Smithland, yesterday morning, but claim the boat is practically worthless and not valued at more than a few dollars.

Yesterday afternoon Chief Collins received a telephone message from the city marshal at Smithland saying that three girls, Eddie Stewart, known as Knight; Mary Shoemaker and Nancy Hockenberry, the latter of Paducah, had stolen a skiff and were headed towards Paducah. The police kept a watch on the river but did not find the girls. Presuming they had abandoned the property at a point above the city and arrived afloat, the detective began working on the case and arrested the three shortly after 9 o'clock, at Second and Kentucky avenues.

They give their ages at 16, 16 and 17 respectively, and the Hockenberry girl did the pulling on the four-mile trip made in the boat. They were seen in the city jail this morning and talked freely of their escape.

"I did the pulling," the Hockenberry girl proudly declared. "But we gave up the boat four miles from Smithland. It was an old hulk not worth the bailing out, it had dozens of patches in it and we were kept bailing all the trip. Finally after we had gone four miles we tired of bailing and put into shore. We walked the remainder of the distance and arrived in Paducah about 9 o'clock. I live here and was returning home. No, we did not ask for the boat but just took it. We did not know how we would get it back, and did not care, either."

The other girls claim they had come to Paducah to seek work and both had gained their parents' consent. The Shoemaker girl is the smallest in the trio and said her mother told her she might come night before last but the other girl had not been given permission lately. She stated her mother said she might come in a few days and she picked up and came when the other girls started.

They are, with the exception of the Hockenberry girl, small in stature and seem to be used to "roughing it." They stated that the river was easier traveling, but they preferred walking to continual bailing, or might have made the entire trip in the boat.

The girls are being held pending the arrival of the marshal from Smithland. The Hockenberry girl's mother visited her in the lockup today, but was unable to give bail for her daughter. The trio will be taken back to Smithland for trial.

Cured Consumption.

Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan., writes, My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago and since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Alvey & List.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

College Burned Near Kankakee Ready to Reopen.

Messrs. Frank and John Donovan, sons of general Agent J. T. Donovan, of the I. C., and James Mulvin, leave tomorrow night for Bourbonnais, Illinois, to resume their studies at college. The college they were attending burned several weeks ago and the students were sent home until other arrangements could be made to accommodate them. Now the college people have secured other buildings and the students were notified to return.

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Industries Wanted.

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KENTUCKY NEWSLETS

Found in the River.
 Louisville, Ky., March 10.—The corpse of a middle-aged white woman, clad only in a blue waist and skirt, was found in the river at the foot of 28th street. She had been in the water three weeks. So far she has not been identified. It is impossible to determine whether there had been foul play.

Miners Are in Session.
 Louisville, Ky., March 10.—The annual convention of District 23, United Mine Workers, began here yesterday. President Charles W. Wells of Central City presiding. Discussion of the wage scale for the ensuing year is expected to continue for a week, the election of officers not being reached for possibly ten days.

Two Years For Seduction.
 Mayfield Ky., Mar. 10.—Elmer Prewitt, a young married white man who has been in jail for several months charged with seducing the young McCain girl of the Sedalia section, last summer, by eloping with her, was given two years in the penitentiary in the circuit court. The trial was a brief one, as the evidence and jury's decision did not occupy an hour's time.

To Build Rehandling House.
 Hopkinsville, Ky., Mar. 10.—Officials of the American Snuff company, who were here yesterday, made the positive announcement that their company would soon begin the erection of a mammoth tobacco rehandling factory here. The building will be erected on a lot purchased by them about two years ago, and it will cost from \$40,000 to \$50,000. It will handle upward of 5,000,000 pounds of tobacco annually, and will employ from eighty to one hundred people.

Suicide By Drowning.

Whitesboro, Ky., March 10.—Mrs. T. J. Woodring, the wife of a farmer living a short distance from this place, committed suicide by drowning in a pond on the farm and her body was found after a diligent search. She had been in poor health for some time, and it is thought that she became insane from despondency, she was also disconsolate over the recent death of her mother. She was 28 years of age, and was twice married. She is survived by a husband and one small child of her first marriage.

New Telephone Line.

Marion, Ky., March 10.—The Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph company is just on the eve of spending about \$30,000 in the construction of lines and exchanges in Crittenden and Livingston counties. This company already has a line running from Fredonia, nine miles south of Marion to Dycusburg, in Crittenden county, and on the Cumberland river. At the latter place an exchange is being built. From Salem where an exchange is to be installed, this company has begun plans to extend their lines to Smithland where another local exchange is soon to be constructed.

Government Wants Draughtsmen.

The United States civil service commission announces that examinations will take place on March 28 and 29 in Louisville, Lexington and Paducah for Kentucky applicants to fill a vacancy in the position of draftsman at \$125 a month in the engineer department at large in St. Louis, Mo., and any other vacancies as they may occur in the department requiring similar qualifications. The duties of the position to be filled require a knowledge of design and construction of hydraulic dredges and ability to do mechanical and topographic drawing and lettering. The age limit is twenty years.

Excursion—St. Louis.

The Illinois Central railroad will run a special excursion to St. Louis, leaving Paducah union depot 8 a. m. March 22, via Cairo, fare for the round trip \$3; tickets will be good returning for three days on regular trains. No baggage will be checked on these tickets, nor will they be honored on sleeping cars. J. T. DONOVAN, Agent, Paducah, Ky.
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Secretary of War Taft is Groomed for a Vacancy On Supreme Court Bench

Washington, Mar. 10.—The Post says "President Roosevelt has decided to appoint William H. Taft, of Ohio, now secretary of war, to the next vacancy in the United States supreme court."

"That vacancy is to be created by the voluntary retirement of Associate Justice Henry B. Brown, who was appointed in 1899 by President Harrison from Michigan."

"When Chief Justice Fuller retires—provided it is during the administration of Roosevelt, Taft will be promoted to his exalted position."

"The president has discussed the entire situation with his secretary of war, and the latter it was learned last night has given his assent to the program."

"This is the second time Taft has been offered a place on the supreme bench. The first time was in the winter of 1903, when he was serving as governor of the Philippine Islands."

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